



Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board

Date: Friday, January 21, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Location - meet.google.com/zrd-qhpv-mif

Meeting Minutes: *Minutes pending approval from the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board. The Board will vote on these minutes at the next convening.*

Meeting Goals and Objectives

- Revisit Goal and Purpose of the Justice Reinvestment Act (JRA)
- Review Current JRA Boards and Roles within the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)
- Discuss Funding History and Future Grant Opportunities through the Performance Incentive Grant Fund (PIGF)

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***
 - Call to Order/Roll Call and Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - Department of Health Updates: 8-505 and 8-507
 - Nov. 1, 2021 through Jan. 14, 2022:
 - 126 8-505 evaluations completed
 - 80 individuals placed per 8-507
 - Programs - evaluations and placements are still running smoothly
- II. Overview of Maryland JRI History - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***
- III. JRA Goals, Objectives, and Progress - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides***
 - JRA Boards and Membership
 - PIGF History and Future
- IV. Strategic Planning Discussion**
 - Identifying and Filling JRA Gaps
 - JRA was a big priority across the state when it was first introduced; along came the opioid crisis which dominated national, state, and local attention in 2018 and

2019. In 2020, we got hit with the COVID-19 pandemic, so focus on JRA has been lacking. The Boards have to get back out and let the local jurisdictions know that we are still here to serve them and find them services - intervention or prevention to help citizens return back to communities or prevent them from going into the prisons and jails to get a better track on success.
- The focus should be on repackaging ourselves and bringing partners together to determine what is working and how efforts can be duplicated across the state.
 - Proposal to have a meeting with stakeholders to help them understand the rationale behind the development and demystify this initiative.
 - Iterative process - learn from other jurisdictions. Proposal to have an event highlighting best practices from around the state - bring together jurisdictions and facilitate discussions.
 - Reminder: this year is an election year which will result in turnover of Sheriff's and Commissioner's.
 - Renewed emphasis on collaboration is spot on - pre-COVID we didn't hear enough from the other bodies; would especially like to hear from the Advisory Board made up of organizations and advocates on the ground to hear about strategies on the ground that work, as well as funding categories and potential organizations and strategies to invest in.
 - Maryland Jail Statistics highlight who is awaiting trial but does not capture the pretrial community corrections. Recommend to review this data.
 - When the Oversight Board got together there was a lot of activity, but Advisory Board was a step down with not as much synergy, in starting all over this is a great start. Awareness of the JRA is akin to the prison centric area where there are three state penitentiaries and a 300 bed detention center; not a lot of awareness of recidivism and what goes on.
 - Difficult to believe it has been six years since we started this process - really appreciated Glenn's summary in presentation. There has been a lot of legislation

proposed and passed; some proposed and not passed; that might fit in with goals and strategies. For example, geriatric parole bills, reconsideration of sentences for prisoners who have been incarcerated for a number of years... consideration around whether this commission should have a committee to review legislation and weigh in on whether it fits in with our original strategies and goals.

- The Board makes recommendations on priorities moving forward in its annual report; utilize this platform to voice priorities.
- Proposal to look at the recidivism numbers - the prison population has shrunk, so where have people gone? Into the job market? Trying to put a finer point on the reduction of prison population - but also how that relates to recidivism, employment, family stability, etc.
- Maryland Correctional Educational Program can provide a high level overview of what education, occupational training, and transition programs are going on in state prisons. Currently, classes are shut down due to pandemic and lack of movement in facilities and shortage of correctional officers but could be a meeting topic in the future.
- Look at what's going on inside prisons but also community corrections - throughout the state there are robust community supervision programs; day reporting centers; all of which watch almost equal amount of people awaiting trial inside but also in the community.

V. Next Steps - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides*

VI. Good of the Order and Adjournment - *Refer to PowerPoint Slides*